

## TOWN OF POMPEY TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Town Board of the Town of Pompey held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in-person and was live-streamed via Zoom. In attendance were: Deputy Supervisor Tom Henry, Councilors Bill Lipe, James Loomis, Diana Carpenter, David Angello; Town Attorney Amelia McLean-Robertson; Town Accountant James Pompo; Highway Superintendent Bruce Way; Town Clerk Nikki Reid, and Zoom Host Veronica Hotaling.

Deputy Supervisor Henry called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was had for Patricia Skinner and Kate Skidmore.

R-140-24 Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Loomis to accept the resignation of Mark Nardella as Town Supervisor effective immediately. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Nardella sent the Town Board Members an email at 9:00 a.m. that day to resign from the position effective immediately due to personal reasons. The Town Board members have decided to give themselves some time to think about who they want to appoint as an interim Town Supervisor; they were all surprised by the resignation of Mark Nardella.

### ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

R-141-24 Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Loomis to accept the November 2024 Supervisor's Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-142-24 Motion by Angello, seconded by Carpenter to accept the November 2024 Bank Reconciliation Report for the Supervisor's account. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-143-24 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Angello to approve the following budget modification:

### **General Fund:**

|          |                                    |               |
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| A1420.41 | Attorney Contractual               | \$12,000.00   |
| A1990.4  | Contingency                        | (\$12,000.00) |
| A1680.42 | Centr. Comm. Systems (IT Services) | \$1,000.00    |
| A1990.4  | Contingency                        | (\$1,000.00)  |
| A8010.11 | Zoning Pers. Services Officer      | \$9,100.00    |
| A8010.12 | Zoning Pers. Services Deputy       | (\$9,100.00)  |

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| A9050.8 | Unemployment Insurance | \$1,100.00   |
| A1990.4 | Contingency            | (\$1,100.00) |

**Highway Fund:**

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| DA5130.22 | Machinery - Equipment      | \$150,562.64   |
| DA4089    | Federal Aid - Other (ARPA) | (\$150,562.64) |

All in favor. Motion carried.

NYCLASS Interest brought in \$6,858.09 this month; a total of \$109,556.76 to date.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

- R-144-24 Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Lipe to approve the following payment of bills: Abstract Nos. 556-638, totaling \$277,241.43. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-145-24 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Carpenter to accept the November 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-146-24 Motion by Carpenter, seconded by Loomis to accept the November 2024 Bank Reconciliation Reports for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. All in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- R-147-24 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Angello to set a Special Meeting on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss opening the BID for the Highway Department and any other business that may come before the Town Board. All in favor. Motion carried.
- R-148-24 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Angello to approve the 2024 Comp time for Ed Lelakowski, Patrick Korkue, and Bob Purcell. All in favor. Motion carried.

CODES OFFICER REPORT:

- R-149-24 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Lipe to approve the November 2024 Codes Officer Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT:

Councilor Angello gave an update on the Holiday Tree Lighting event that was held on December 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that it was a lot of fun getting everyone together. The Historical Society had hot chocolate, cider, donuts, and candy. The kids made Christmas ornaments and Santa made a special appearance.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

John Shaheen gave an update on \$50,000 NYSERDA Highway Garage grant.

R-150-24 Motion by Angello, seconded by Loomis to declare the Town Board as Lead Agency for the Highway Garage Energy Project. All in favor. Motion carried.

Town Attorney Amelia McLean-Robertson stated that this is an unlisted action. She reviewed the eleven questions on the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEQR) and determined no impact on all questions.

R-151-24 Motion by Angello, seconded by Loomis to issue a negative declaration on the SEQR. All in favor. Motion carried.

R-152-24 Motion by Loomis, seconded by Lipe to accept the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF NYSERDA GRANT FUNDS. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF NYSERDA GRANT FUNDS

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pompey applied for grant funds from New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA") in relation to the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program; and

**WHEREAS**, NYSERDA determined that the Town of Pompey met the requirements for grant funding under the Clean Energy Communities program; and

**WHEREAS**, NYSERDA determined that the Town of Pompey is eligible to receive a grant of fifty thousand dollars subject to the Agreement between the Town of Pompey and NYSERDA; and

**WHEREAS**, the fifty thousand dollar grant received will be used toward eligible Clean Energy Communities Building Upgrades to be implemented at 8354 U.S. Route 20, Manlius, New York, 13104;and

**WHEREAS**, NYSERDA has provided an Agreement to be entered into with the Town of Pompey outlining the responsibilities of each party and the requirements to receive the

grant fund for the Clean Energy Communities Building Upgrades; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Pompey (“Town Board”) has declared itself Lead Agency for the purposes of State Environmental Quality Review; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Pompey identifies entering into this Agreement as an Unlisted Action (“Action”) pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has duly considered the Action, the Short Form EAF, the criteria for determining significance pursuant to SEQRA, and other such information deemed appropriate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Pompey that:

- (1) The Town Board has determined that the Action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment;
- (2) The Town Board approves entering into the Agreement with NYSERDA, and the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement with NYSERDA.
- (3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Councilor Loomis  
Seconded by Councilor Lipe  
Aye: Councilor Carpenter  
Aye: Councilor Angello

Dated: December 10, 2024  
Town of Pompey, New York

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim Gosier: He thanked the Town Board Councilors for taking into account the opinions of the community and moving public comment to the end of the agenda. He stated that the Codes Officer’s report is incomplete; there is no information or details regarding violations and citations. He stated that the lights from Heritage Hill are still shining in his windows. He has been requesting a meeting with Codes Officer Tim Bearup; and if the Town Attorney needs to be present than so be it. He is hopeful that with a change in leadership there will be more transparency and openness to listen to the concerns of the people. He stated that this is an opportunity for a clean slate and let’s sit down like adults and have a conversation, as that’s all they’ve ever asked for.

Debra Grenier: She mentioned using ARPA funds to hang flags of Pompey Veteransd.

She also stated that it's absolutely ridiculous that Mr. Gosier still has lights shining in his windows at night; this is the third time he's come before the Board asking for relief. Ms. Grenier stated that the Codes Officer should be addressing this issue and the Town Board Councilors should be supporting him.

Lisa Miles: Regarding the lights shining in her window, she stated that those are not the lights that are on the barn, they are behind the barn. They are up high and not attached to the building. They are not the lights in question that have been deemed dark sky compliant. Mr. Palladino was given until November 3<sup>rd</sup> to turn the lights off and he still hasn't. She would like to have a conversation with Tim Bearup to discuss this ongoing problem.

R-153-24 Motion by Angello, seconded by Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Reid  
Pompey Town Clerk

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